

DEFENSE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE COAL OPERATORS

T. H. Walters, Before House Labor Committee, Maintained Union Was Breaking the Contract, Because Its Leaders Were Determined to Fix Scales Only For Certain Districts—Accused the Union Leaders of "Autocratic Abuse of Power" in Calling the National Strike—Has No Desire to "Break the Organization of the United Mine Workers, Because It Might Be Replaced by an Organization More Violent"—Union Leader Predicts Bituminous Coal Famine in Six Weeks.

Washington, April 6.—A defense of the bituminous coal operators' position in the question of a national strike was given by T. H. Walters, a spokesman for Pennsylvania producers, before the house labor committee today in its investigation of the coal strike. Walters, who was accompanied by Attorney General Daugherty through a letter from him which was read into the record that the mine owners would face the situation under the anti-trust laws if they again saw fit to fix national wages in the industry by such an agreement.

Other developments today included a statement by Secretary Hoover upon his return from the west that reports, presumably from non-union fields, showed that bituminous coal mined in Montana after the strike had been called, amounted to 572,000 tons and on Tuesday to 42,000 tons. He declared, however, that the time was immediate for the industry in deductions being drawn from these figures in their possible bearing on the question of sufficiency of supply.

Chairman Nolan of the house investigating committee also made public telegraphic messages from representative operators in the central field which he said, "were not entirely honest" in their refusal to accede to the committee's request to renew interstate negotiations with the union.

"They did indicate," he stated, "a spirit of willingness to meet the men in their own districts."

Mr. Watkins, in appearing before the house committee, attacked the United Mine Workers of America as "selling out a smoke screen" in charging operators with breach of contract. The union, he said, was breaking the contract because it refused to meet with the operators in the great producing districts of the country outside of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and western Pennsylvania to fix scales.

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CABLED PARAGRAPHS

To Take Referendum On Prohibition, Stockton, April 7.—The upper chamber of parliament today ratified a bill in favor of a constitutional referendum next autumn on the question of prohibition. The measure was passed by the lower house yesterday.

Announcement of Verdict Was Applauded—Defendant Received Verdict Calmly.

New York, April 6.—Miss Olivia M. P. Stone, who shot and killed Ellis B. Kincaid, former corporation counsel of Cincinnati, today received the verdict of a jury in the Brooklyn supreme court.

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New York Moves to Suppress Banditry

Governor Miller Takes Up Matter With the Police—Talk of Arming Citizens to Cope With Bandits.

New York, April 6.—Urged by Governor Miller to make New York a safe place to live in, Police Commissioner Knickerbocker today took up with the city council the matter of making the city safe by arming the police.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT STRIKERS

Pickets at Pacific Mills Declare That at the Closing Hour No Worker Came Out Past Their Lines—Police Explained That the Workers Had Been Sent Home at Intervals During the Afternoon—Of 2,500 Normally Employed Only 28 Went to Work—Mills to Keep Gates Open Regardless of Number of Workers Reporting.

Lawrence, Mass., April 6.—Striking textile workers claimed a signal victory over the mill owners today, the eleventh since the inception of the strike.

BATTLE IN R. I. SENATE OVER 48-HOUR BILL

Providence, R. I., April 6.—The battle to get the 48-hour bill out of the senate judiciary committee and on to the floor for a vote broke out anew this afternoon. After a brief but sharp debate the senate killed a motion by Senator Stanley of Warren to take the measure away from committee and make it a special order for next Tuesday afternoon.

A DAY OF UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN STOCK MARKET

New York, April 6.—Dealings in all classes of stocks on the New York Stock Exchange today amounted to about 1,375,000 shares, the largest total of any single day since 1920, when market values were subjected to considerable depression.

IS STEALING MATERIAL TO BUILD A HOME

Pasadena, Cal., April 6.—Somewhere in Pasadena is a thief who loves a home so much that he is stealing to get one.

MANUAL FOR ETIQUETTE OF PATROLMEN IN SEATTLE

Seattle, Wash., April 6.—Etiquette for the patrolmen of the Seattle police department, provided with other things that while on duty he must not do.

MORAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MINERS

New York, April 6.—Eight hundred delegates of the Central Trades and Labor Council of Greater New York, gathered today to represent 750,000 workers, tonight passed a resolution pledging the mining coal miners their "moral and financial support."

RECEIVERSHIP FOR I. R. T. HAS BEEN ADVISED

New York, April 6.—Receivership for the Interborough Rapid Transit company, which was threatened because of the default on April 1 in the payment of the seven per cent. rental on the lease of the elevated lines, has been averted.

SOUND STEAMERS WERE REFLOATED AT HELL GATE

New York, April 6.—The Long Island Sound steamers Concord and City of Brooklyn, which were grounded off Sunken Meadows near Hell Gate, leaving a dangerous bar to the harbor, were refloated by tug boats today and proceeded to their ports. Neither vessel was seriously damaged.